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**Re: Request for Approval of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Proposed  
New Distribution Line Extension Plan  
Docket No. 2016-345-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On September 21, 2016 Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") filed a request for approval of changes to its Service Regulations relating to its distribution line extension plan. We have now received instructions from your office regarding the publishing of notice of this filing by November 9, 2016.

We believe that the revisions to DEC's Service Regulations requested in this docket do not require a determination of the rate structure and rate of return of the company and will not result in any rate increase. Accordingly, we believe that the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. §58-27-870(F) allow the Commission to approve the proposed changes without notice being given or a hearing being held. We therefore request that the instructions for publishing notice be withdrawn and that the matter be considered without the requirement that notice be given or that a hearing be held.

Yours truly,

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